TOWN OF ARLINGTON

Recycling and Trash Collection Guide for Residents

2007

(800) 649-2945



Dear Arlington Resident,

This is your Recycling and Trash Collection Guide for 2007. We are including information to assist you in the proper disposal methods and collection dates for weekly solid waste and biweekly recycling. We are also including information on the proper disposal of white goods (appliances), CRT's (TV's and computer monitors), household hazardous waste, and leaf and yard waste collections. We also included a reference page for disposing of materials not normally collected with your regular trash. We recommend that you place recycling containers at least four feet away from your trash containers to make it easier for the items to be identified and properly collected.

We are continuing the expanded yard waste collection schedule that allows for more frequent collections in the fall when there is the greatest amount of yard waste produced. As in 2006 we will have fourteen biweekly yard waste collections in the spring and summer in addition to six weekly collections in the fall.

One change coming in 2007 is the addition of a Recycling Coordinator to the staff of the Department of Public Works. This individual will expand our outreach programs into the residential and business communities so be on the lookout for some changes in our program offerings. It is our hope that this new position will more than pay for itself by increasing the percentage of solid waste that can be recycled.

As we enter the winter season, we realize there are difficulties that naturally occur with trash collection. Proper containers, preparation and placement of items at the curb can help improve service. Parked cars and unshoveled sidewalks are a problem for plows, walkers, drivers, and solid waste collectors. Please be aware of the situation and try to help by putting your containers on your driveway, shoveling sidewalks in front of your home, and placing bags and containers so they can been seen by the collectors and not in walks or on the street. This will make the winter collections better for all.

We hope that you will find this guide to be useful. If you have any questions or comments please contact us at the numbers listed below.

Department of Public Works

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ARLINGTON RECYCLES

All recyclable material must be placed curbside the same day as trash collection on your recycle week. For questions regarding Trash, Recycling, or yard waste pickup, please call **Waste Management Customer Service at 800-649-2945.**

Or

For questions on White Goods, TV's, Computer Monitors (CRT's), recycling stickers for suitable containers, recycling bins or any of the services above, call

The Arlington Public Works at 781-316-3301 or 781-316-3104.

TOWN OF ARLINGTON CURBSIDE RECYCLING

MATERIAL	WHAT TO RECYCLE	HOW TO PREPARE	DO NOT INCLUDE
PAPER	 Newspapers/inserts Magazines, paperback books and catalogs Junk Mail Phone books Office Paper 	 Place all paper in paper bags Place beside or on top of bin Window envelopes, staples and paper clips are okay 	 No soiled paper or boxes NO PLASTIC BAGS No waxed paper or waxed cardboard DO NOT PUT PAPER WITH PLASTIC OR GLASS
CARDBOARD	 Chipboard (cereal and shoe boxes, etc) Corrugated cardboard 	 NOTE: cardboard must be <u>cut down</u> into single sheet Cut, flatten and tie corrugated to 30" x 30" or smaller 	◆ No pizza boxes

PLACE ITEMS BELOW TOGETHER IN BLUE BIN

GLASS	 Clear, and colored food and beverage containers only 	 RINSE CLEAN Collars & neck rings DO NOT have to be removed REMOVE lids & corks etc. Paper labels may be left on 	 No broken glass No other glass items such as window glass Pyrex, ceramics, etc. No light bulbs – bring fluorescent light bulbs HHW site or Wanamaker Hardware.
COCOLADIALA A	 Deposit and non-deposit beverage cans Metal food cans Aluminum pie plates and trays Clean aluminum foil 	 RINSE CLEAN Crush to save space Labels may be left on 	 No aerosol cans No paint cans No other metal items
PLASTIC Spering Walter	 Plastic milk, juice or water jugs Soda bottles Detergent bottles All plastic containers 1 thru 7 	◆ RINSE CLEAN◆ REMOVE LIDS◆ Crush to save space	 NO PLASTIC BAGS No motor oil or chemical containers NO STYROFOAM, packing peanuts or large piece

RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Recycling bins are collected every other week on your regular trash day. All bins on the Triangle route are collected during weeks highlighted in **GREEN** and marked with a triangle on calendar. All bins on the circle route are collected during the weeks highlighted with GOLD and marked with a circle on the calendar. Call us at 781-316-3301 or check our public works website for questions about your route.

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2007 Holidays

Mon. 1/1/07 New Year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day Mon. 1/15/07 Mon. 2/19/07 President's Day Mon. 4/16/07 Patriot's Day Memorial Day Mon. 5/28/07 Independence Day Wed. 7/4/07 Labor Day Mon. 9/3/07 Columbus Day Mon. 10/8/07 Veteran's Day Mon. 11/12/07 Thanksgiving Thurs. 11/22/07 Christmas Tues. 12/25/07

Whenever a scheduled collection day falls on a holiday, that day's collection and all remaining collections for the week will be delayed one day.Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

Collection at Hartwell Avenue in Lexington. Call 781-316-3108 for 2007 dates. Businesses and other communities, call Clean Harbors at 978-683-1002 for rates.

Yard Waste Collection Schedule

Christmas Trees will be collected separately on your regular trash day during the week of January 8, 2007. NO PLASTIC BAGS. NO OTHER YARD WASTE WILL BE COLLECTED!



Yard Waste will be collected every other week on your regular Recycling Day starting on April 9, 2007 through October 19, 2007



In the fall Yard Waste will be collected every week on your regular Trash Day from October 22, 2007 through November 30, 2007

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

Minuteman Hazardous Waste Site on Hartwell Avenue, Lexington will be open from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on designated Saturdays. Call 781-316-3108 for 2006 dates.

Acceptable Waste Radiator cleaners Oven cleaners Photo chemicals Metal Polish Arts & Crafts Supplies Floor cleaners Dry Cleaning Fluids Rust Preventatives Moth Balls Wood preservatives Wood strippers

Oil based paints Paint thinner Solvents Insect Spray Degreasers Engine/radiator flushes Gasoline Antifreeze Kerosene Brake Fluid Ammonia Pesticides Rat poison Pool chemicals Muriatic acid Cesspool cleaners

Creosote

Old Chemistry Sets

Transmission Fluid

Sealants

Herbicides

Fluorescent Bulbs

Unacceptable Waste

Medical Wastes Gas cylinders Car Tires Radioactive materials Industrial Wastes Pathological Wastes Ammunition Fireworks Explosives Drugs regulated by Drug Enforce. Agency TV's/CRT's

DIRECTIONS:

Proceed west on Massachusetts Avenue through Lexington Center. Pass the Minuteman statue on your left and keep going straight about 2 miles. Move to the right lane shortly after crossing I-95 and horseshoe turn to get to Hartwell Ave. Shortly after passing the light at the bikepath (1/2 mile), turn left at the sign for the Minuteman Composting Facility and follow the signs and directions of the volunteer traffic coordinators.

STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE

Proof of residency will be required to drop off any household hazardous waste or you may be required to pay.

MERCURY RECOVERY PROGRAM

Do not throw products containing mercury in the trash; thermostats, mercury switches, glass mercury thermometers or button cell batteries found in watches. cameras, calculators, hearing aids and personal organizers.

To properly dispose of these items or exchange your glass fever thermometer for a safer digital one, bring it to the DPW office at Town Hall or at 51 Grove Street.

SMOKE ALARMS

Smoke and Fire alarms may be returned to the manufacturer or disposed of in your re ular trash.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Home use extinguishers that are completely empty may be placed in the normal trash. These are only the small Kitchen Type Extinguishers. Industrial Type Extinguishers must be disposed of as scrap metal.

LATEX PAINT

Dried out latex (Water Based) paint may be put out with weekly trash if lid is removed and paint is completely dried out. Kitty litter or shredded newspaper may be added to speed drying.

Please do not bring Latex paint to the Hazardous Waste site in Lexington, MA. It will not be accepted.

LEAF AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Leaves and yard waste may be placed curbside in brown paper bags or in barrels clearly marked as yard waste. Bags and barrels MUST be at the curb by 7 AM on your collection day. Remember that tree branches must be less than 3 feet long and 1 inch thick and will be collected in barrels, bags or tied in bundles less than 30 inches in diameter and weighing less than 50 pounds.

DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS!

NO stumps or dirt will be collected. You cannot put out a root ball (covered with dirt). Remember do not mix trash with yard waste, or it may not be picked up.

If you have any problems with leaf pickup Call Waste Management at 800-649-2945.

CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

To discard Christmas trees, you must place the bare tree curbside (no plastic bags). It will be collected the week of January 8, 2007 on your regular trash day.

NO WREATHS OR OTHER YARD WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED

DISPOSAL OF BULK ITEMS

You are allowed to dispose of bulk items with your normal trash curbside. The following items are considered bulk items:

- Toilets
- Sinks
- Mattress
- Recliners
- Box springs
- Tables

- Chairs
- Love Seats
- Sofa
- Wooden Book Shelves
- Small Lawnmowers (remove gas tank)

DON'T TRASH GRASS! SAVE TIME & MONEY! REDUCE WASTE

- Did you know that a 1/2 acre lawn in New England produces over 3 tons or nearly 260 bags of grass clippings each year?
- The key word is "less"...less fertilizer. less water, less work, and best of all, less waste!
- You can have a healthy green lawn by leaving grass clippings where they fall!

MOWING TECHNIQUES & TIPS

- Any mower can recycle grass clippings; simply remove the grass catcher!
- If the grass gets just a bit too high, simply mow over the clippings.
- · Keep your mower blade sharp.
- Keep your grass mowed to 2"-3" tall.
- Mow when the grass is dry.
- Do not remove more than 1/3 of the grass blade in any single mowing.

If you follow these "Don't Trash Grass" mowing, fertilizing and watering guidelines, not only will you have a healthy lawn, but you'll never have to bag grass clippings again!

Compost Bins can be purchased at the DPW office, Town Hall, 2nd Floor Annex, Monday - Wednesday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Thursday 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM Friday 8:00 AM-NOON Contact 781-316-3108

CRT & TV PIContaCKUP

Computer monitors and televisions require a disposal sticker. You must purchase stickers for \$15.00 each at the DPW office located at 51 Grove Street. Call 781-316-3104 for details.

WHITE GOODS PICKUP

To dispose of white goods you must purchase a White Good Sticker from the DPW office located on the second floor of the Building Department at 51 Grove Street, for a fee of \$15 per item. Payment will be accepted in the form of cash or check payable to the "Town of Arlington". The item will be picked up on your next regularly scheduled trash day after you purchase the sticker.

The following is a list of appliances that require stickers:

- Air Conditioners
- Dehumidifiers
- Dishwashers

- Water Coolers

- Dryers
- Freezers (remove doors) - Ovens
- Furnaces (small) - Refrigerators (remove doors)

- Hot Water Heaters - Trash Compactors
- Washing Machines
- Wood Burning Stoves - Large Metal Desks / Cabinets
- Please contact DPW if you have an appliance not listed to see if a sticker is required. 781-316-3104.
- Microwave ovens and VCR's do not require a sticker. Please place curbside with regular trash.
- Refrigerators and Freezers must be kept in an upright position with doors removed.
- · Whenever a scheduled collection day falls on a holiday, only that day's collection will be delayed. All collections after the holiday will be on the normally scheduled day and not delayed.

TRASH COLLECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS

- **HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS**: If a holiday falls on the scheduled collection day, collection will be on the following day. The rest of the week will also be delayed one day. Friday pickup will be done on Saturday.
- 2. CURRENT ACCEPTABLE WASTES: Acceptable wastes shall mean all solid waste which can be placed into acceptable containers, excluding, inherently dangerous, toxic and hazardous wastes which shall be designated as "hazardous wastes" by State or Federal regulatory authorities having appropriate jurisdiction.

3. CURRENT UNACCEPTABLE WASTES:

- a. Demolition debris (listed elsewhere in this flyer)
- b. Any of the following, in whole or in part: Auto hulks, engine blocks, transmission blocks, heavy machinery, snowmobiles, motorcycles or tractors.
- c. Stumps, regardless of size, and limbs. See yard waste rules elsewhere in this guide.
- d. Pathological wastes. (Bio Hazardous waste)
- e. Toxic and volatile chemicals, such as but not limited to: Oil based paint, paint thinners, paint remover, insecticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, household solvents, driveway sealers, hazardous craft supplies, wood strippers, or any other household chemicals. These items may be brought to Minuteman Household Hazardous Waste site.
- f. Ammunitions, explosives. DO NOT TRANSPORT. Call the Arlington Police at 781-643-1212.
- g. Automobile batteries, motor oil and antifreeze. Bring to Minuteman Household Hazardous Waste site or check with local automobile stores when making purchases.
- h. Fluorescent bulbs. May be brought to Wanamaker Hardware, Arlington or Minuteman Household Hazardous Waste site.
- i. Propane gas tanks. May be brought to Minuteman Household Hazardous Waste site. The Town of Arlington also has special collection days for these.
- j. CRT's from computers or TV's. See elsewhere in this flyer. Computer CPU's and other electronic accessories may be disposed of in regular trash.
- k. Some items not appearing on unacceptable list may still be unacceptable. Residents should contact the Department of Public Works for proper determination.
- 4. **CONTAINER**: Shall be a suitable receptacle, with a capacity no greater than thirty-two (32) gallons, constructed of plastic, metal or fiberglass, having handles of adequate strength for lifting and having a tight fitting lid capable of preventing entrance into the container by vectors and spillage. The mouth of a container shall have a diameter greater than or equal to that of the base. The weight of a container and its contents shall not exceed fifty (50) pounds. Pasteboard cartons, paper bags and wooden crates ARE NOT suitable receptacles for weekly collection and may not be collected by the contractor. Plastic rubbish bags (3-ply minimum) are acceptable.
- 5. CURBSIDE: Refuse being put out for curbside collection should be placed on the curb no sooner than 6:00 PM on the day prior to scheduled pickup and no later than 7:00 AM on the scheduled pick up day. Prior to collection it is the residents responsibility to maintain safe and sanitary conditions at the curbside collection point and to otherwise comply with these regulations. Businesses may not put waste containers curbside before 6:00 AM on the day of collection.
- 6. CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS INCLUDING EARTH AND GRAVEL WILL NOT BE COLLECTED: Building contractors will be responsible for the proper disposal of all construction and building material or other debris resulting from work performed around residences. Residents performing home improvements are responsible for proper disposal of building materials. Residents CANNOT dispose of these materials with weekly curbside collections. Check with Building Materials Resource Center at 617-442-8917 or www.bostonbmrc.org.
- 7. **COMMERCIAL TRASH**: Businesses on Town trash collection <u>must</u> purchase and use Town trash bags. They may be purchased at the DPW Office on the second floor of the Building Department at 51 Grove Street, Arlington Swifty Printing or Wanamaker Hardware. If a business is on the program and uses orange town trash bags, recycling is free and does not require a sticker. Call DPW at 781-316-3104 for details.

Notice: These Rules & Regulations are subject to change.

PROPANE TANKS	RESIDENTIAL WASTE OIL	CAR TIRES
You may dispose of propane tanks at the following locations: • Minuteman Household Hazardous Waste	To dispose of waste oil, return it to the place where you brought it or bring it to the household hazardous waste collection days in Lexington, MA.	Two car tires, without rims, may be put out per week for collection and disposal. For personal use only. Not for commercial/business useage.
Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA. Call 781-316-3108 for scheduled dates.	DISPOSAL OF AUTOMOBILES	
Periodic collections at the Town Yard	You may make a donation to the Arlington Boys & Girls Club by calling 781-648-1617, the Salvation Army at 1-888-999- ARMY, or Good News Garage at 508-347-1277. A local towing company with then schedule to pick up the automobile.	

CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS IS NOT COLLECTED CURBSIDE

Check with the following companies to see if they can take your material:

Waste Management - 204 Merrimack Street, Woburn, MA	1-800-649-2945
Got Junk - (Call for pick-up and fees) www.1800gotjunk.com	1-800-GOT-JUNK
Agretech Corporation - Rt. 110, Merrimack Street, Dracut, MA	978-475-8153
J.R. Pacella Development - 49 N. Main Street, Westford, MA	978-692-3532
BMC Corporation - 1079 South Street, Tewksbury, MA	978-667-2171
E.L. Harvey & Sons - 68 Hopkinton Road, Westborough, MA	1-800-321-3002
C.J. Mabardy - 50 Mooney Street, Cambridge, MA	617-354-7580
LandscapeXpress - 218 New Boston Street, Woburn, MA	781-933-3818
We Get Rid Of It - www.wegetridofit.com	1-866-952-8400
Clean Out Your House - 283 2nd Ave, Waltham, MA	781-890-1137

REUSABLE AND RECYCLABLE ITEMS

Check with the following companies to see if you can recycle instead of trash:

Building Materials Resource Center - www.bostonbmrc.org (Reusable building supplies)	617-442-8917
Bikes Not Bombs - www.bikesnotbombs.org (Bicycles)	617-442-0004
Boomerangs / AIDS Auction Committee - www.aac.org (Clothing, house wares, electronics, jewelry)	617-309-7220 or 617-524-5120
Ewaste Solutions - www.ewastesolutions.com - West Medford (Electronics)	781-862-5558 or 1-800-781-0987
MA Coalition for the Homeless - www.mahomeless.org (Furniture)	781-595-7570
Big Brother/Big Sister Foundation - www.bbbsfoundation.org - 75 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02343 (Clothing, household items)	1-888-483-5503
Goodwill Industries – www.goodwillmass.org (Clothing, accessories, linens, cars)	1-888-828-GIVE or 617-445-1010
Prison Book Program -www.prisonbookprogram.org (Paperback books)	617-423-3298
Trinity Baptist Church - 115 Mass. Avenue, Arlington, MA 02474 (Hardcover books)	781-643-4771
ExCL Recycle Center - www.exclrecycles.org (Jodi) - 43 Warren Street, Dorchester, MA (Educational Supplies)	617-635-8284
City Sports - 1815 Mass. Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02140 (Athletic Shoes)	617-661-6666
Nike Town - 200 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116 (Athletic shoes only, no metal or dress shoes)	617-267-3400
Anton Cleaners - 600 Mass. Avenue, Arlington, MA 02476 (Wire hangers and plastic dry cleaning bags)	781-648-1577
Got Books - www.GotBooks.com (All types of books, CD's, DVD's and videos)	978-664-6555

For additional recycling information call 1-800-CLEANUP (1-800-253-2687)

OR Check out these Websites: www.earth911.org, www.wastecap.org, www.junkbusters.com

